

highly productive equipment and good-quality materials. This year's furniture production plan (7.7 billion roubles worth or 78% of total national production) is being fulfilled. The 1990 plan target is a billion roubles more. By 1995, furniture production will reach 12.5 billion roubles. Production may be able to satisfy demand by 1992-93. Market demand for wallpaper, skis and other wood products will be met by 1991-92. The value of production of non-industrial goods for 1990 as a whole will amount to more than 12 billion roubles - 1.8 billion roubles more than last year.

The timber industry is committed to not increasing logging volumes. The timber logged will be more thoroughly processed and we will make better use of waste products.

Destruction of young stands through the use of imperfect logging technology causes the most harm to the environment. The caterpillar tractor remains our main piece of logging equipment. Unlike foreign countries, particularly in Scandinavia, where only wheeled tractors are used, the wheeled tractors preserve the soil and the young trees. We have worked out a programme and have already begun to substitute the old technology with the increasing use of wheeled tractors in the forest.

The pulp and paper industry now utilizes increased amounts of recycled water and recovers more pollutants. It has also reduced atmospheric emissions. At the same time we are working at improving production and technical methods by economic means, in order to improve the ecological situation in our enterprises' zones of activity. We have developed and are currently implementing a comprehensive environmental improvement programme.